IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD JANUARY 2007 / 13TH PAUSHA 1928

WP(C).No. 254 of 2007(E)

PETITIONERS:

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1. PRAKASAN.N.K., METER READER,
   K.S.E.B., ELECTRICAL SECTION (CENTRAL),
   KOZHIKODE.

2. RAJESH KRISHNAN.N.,
   METER READER, K.S.E.B., ELECTRICAL SECTION,
   NADAKKAVU, KOZHIKODE.

3. P.MOHAMMED SALIH,METER READER,
   K.S.E.B., A.P.T.S. REGIONAL UNIT,
   KOZHIKODE.

4. T.ABDUNNASIR,
   METER READER, K.S.E.B., ELECTRICAL SECTION,
   NARIKUNI, KOZHIKODE.

BY ADV. DR.K.P.SATHEESAN
SRI.K.K.GOPINATHAN NAIR

RESPONDENTS:

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1. KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
   (K.S.E.B.IN SHORT), REPRESENTED BY ITS
   SECRETARY, VYDYUTHI BHAVAN, PATTOM,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE CHIEF ENGINEER (H.R.M),
   K.S.E.B., VYDYUTHI BHAVAN, PATTOM,
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY S.C. MR. K.S. ANIL.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 03/01/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K. DENESAN, J.

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Dated this the 3rd January, 2007

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The petitioners belong to the category of Meter Readers in the Kerala State Electricity Board. It is contended that they possess the qualification of degree in Electrical Engineering and are qualified to be appointed as Assistant Engineers. It is pointed out in Exts. P1 and P2 representations filed by the petitioners 1 and 2 before the Chief Engineer that vacancies in the post of Asst. Engineer are being filled up by appointing temporary hands from outside and under such circumstances the Board should consider the claim of the petitioners for promotion to the post of Asst. Engineer. Though the petitioners will have to undergo the process of selection to get regular appointment as Asst. Engineers, the respondents can consider their case for appointment on temporary basis, in case the posts are filled up temporarily by candidates from outside. On the above ground the petitioners 1 and 2 have filed Exts. P1 and P2.

2. Counsel for the petitioners submits that the

petitioners 3 and 4 also have filed similar representations and those representations also may be directed to be considered.

3. Legal Liaison Officer for the respondent-Board submits that the request made by the petitioners will be considered and appropriate decision will be taken.

4. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 2nd respondent to pass orders on Exts. P1 and P2 as also the representations said to have been filed by the petitioners 3 and 4 as expeditiously as possible. Time for compliance is six weeks on the petitioners producing a copy of the judgment before the 2nd respondent.

K.K. DENESAN
JUDGE

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